

# House Study Bill 246 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a temporary provision directing the state  
2 universities governed by the state board of regents to hold  
3 in-person spring graduation commencement ceremonies and  
4 including effective date provisions.  
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. STATE BOARD OF REGENTS — IN-PERSON SPRING  
GRADUATION COMMENCEMENTS AT STATE UNIVERSITIES IN FY  
2020-2021. The institutions of higher learning governed by  
the state board of regents shall hold the spring graduation  
commencement ceremonies as regularly scheduled in May and in  
person during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, and shall  
allow, at a minimum, each student graduating at the ceremony to  
choose at least two individuals who shall be admitted to the  
ceremony. Each such institution may establish protocols for  
the control and prevention of COVID-19, as deemed necessary  
by the institution, at the spring graduation commencement  
ceremonies.

13       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of immediate  
14 importance, takes effect upon enactment.

15	EXPLANATION
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16           The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17           the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18       This bill requires the state universities to hold the spring  
19 graduation commencement ceremonies as regularly scheduled in  
20 May and in person during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021,  
21 and shall allow, at a minimum, each graduate to choose at  
22 least two individuals who shall be admitted to the ceremony.  
23 The universities may establish protocols for the control and  
24 prevention of COVID-19, as deemed necessary by the institution,  
25 at the spring graduation commencement ceremonies.